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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: RESIDENCE SERVANTS
FOR EMBASSY DOHA, QATAR

REF: A) DOHA 0532; B) STATE 106699

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY CONTAINED STATE REFTEL.
2. AFTER REF A SENT, EMBASSY FILLED REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENCE SERVANTS BY CONTINUED LOCAL HIRE. HOWEVER, THERE IS CONTINUING INTEREST FROM OTHER EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS IN POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING EXPERIENCED VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SERVANTS TO DOHA.

2. RE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B:

(A) STATUS OF EMPLOYEES WOULD BE LOCAL HIRE AND THEIR ADMISSION TO QATAR WOULD BE ARRANGED UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER. THERE NO RPT NO QUESTION OF IMMIGRANT STATUS SINCE GOQ REGULATIONS EXTREMELY STRICT, E.G. NON-ARABS MUST RESIDE AT LEAST 20 YEARS IN QATAR BEFORE BEING EVEN ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP. HOWEVER, RELATIVE PERMANENCY OF RESIDENCE
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HERE IS ASSURED IF ONE IS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED AND SPONSORSHIP,

PARTICULARLY OF SERVANTS, IS EASILY TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PARTY TO ANOTHER. COMPETENT SERVANTS IN VERY GREAT DEMAND HERE, AND GOOD ONES ALMOST GUARANTEED CHOICE OF EMPLOYMENT.

(B) WE CANNOT ANSWER QUESTION OF GUARANTEE OF RETURN TRAVEL SHOULD DEPORTATION OCCUR, SINCE WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT STATUS OF POSSIBLE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE.

(C) WE SEE AS BIGGEST PROBLEM FROM THIS END QUESTION OF REFERENCES AND EXPERIENCE. WE WOULD NATURALLY BE MOST RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE BRINGING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SERVANTS TO QATAR UNLESS WE CAN BE REASONABLY SURE THAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCY. OUR REQUIREMENTS ON THIS POINT IN BEST INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES.

3. RE QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 2 OF REF B:

(A) RELIGION OF REFUGEES SHOULD NOT BE BIG PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH MOST QATARIS BELONG TO SEVERE SECT OF ISLAM, THEY ARE RELATIVELY TOLERANT OF OTHER RELIGIONS AS LONG AS THEY ARE UNOBTRUSIVE.

(B) WE ONLY KNOW OF ONE VIETNAMESE IN QATAR. SHE IS MXIFE OF AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF OIL DRILLING CONTRACTOR. HOWEVER, FOREIGN COMMUNITY IN QATAR IS LARGE AND VARIED. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PAKISTANI AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES, A GROWING NUMBER OF JAPANESE, AS WELL AS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF NON-ORIENTAL FOREIGNERS.

(C) RE POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION HERE OF PRGVN OR NORTH VIETNAM, THIS UNLIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE. GOQ HAS A PRESENT POLICY OF NOT RPT NOT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT.
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